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TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY  
PANHANDLE AREA, LAOS

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARDS K-4041, K-4171, AND K-4321)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS NEW TRAIL ACTIVITY SOUTH OF CHAVANE AND ROUTE 165 IN THE PANHANDLE AREA OF LAOS. THIS ACTIVITY MAY BE THE INITIAL STAGE OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION SINCE IT FORMS A LOGICAL SOUTHERN EXTENSION OF THE ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO CHAVANE FROM THE NORTH.

2. REMARKS:

ROADS COMPLETED OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE DURING 1965 WILL FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF MEN AND SUPPLIES TO SOUTH VIETNAM AND WILL INCREASE THE ABILITY OF THE COMMUNISTS TO DEPLOY AND SUPPORT FORCES IN SOUTHERN LAOS. THESE ROADS IN LAOS ARE ORIENTED TO THE EAST AND SOUTH TOWARD SOUTH VIETNAM. MEN AND SUPPLIES CAN NOW BE MOVED FROM THE PANHANDLE BY A COMBINATION OF TRUCK AND RIVER TRANSPORTATION ACROSS THE BORDER OF SOUTH VIETNAM INTO AN AREA 100 MILES FARTHER SOUTH THAN WAS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO LATE 1964 OR EARLY 1965.

3. MISSION READOUTS:

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REVEALS NEW TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CHAVANE AIRFIELD AT

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1520N 10703E TO 1502N 10710E. THE TRAIL EXTENDS GENERALLY SOUTH FROM CHAVANE TO THE VILLAGE OF BAN YET AT 1506N 10704E, AND THEN GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS IN A HEAVILY FORESTED AREA.

THIS CONSTRUCTION WAS BEGUN SUBSEQUENT TO OCTOBER 1965, AS CONFIRMED BY PHOTOGRAPHY OF TROJAN [REDACTED], AND TROJAN

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HORSE [REDACTED] AND CONSISTS OF INTERMITTENT CLEARING

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OPERATIONS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF COMPLETION AND THE WIDENING OF PREVIOUSLY EXISTING FOOT TRAILS.

[REDACTED] REVEALS NEW VEHICULAR TRACKS

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DIAGONALLY CROSSING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CHAVANE AIRFIELD AT 1520N 10703E. ADDITIONAL TRACKS ARE OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE AIRFIELD ALONG LAOS ROUTE 165 (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC).

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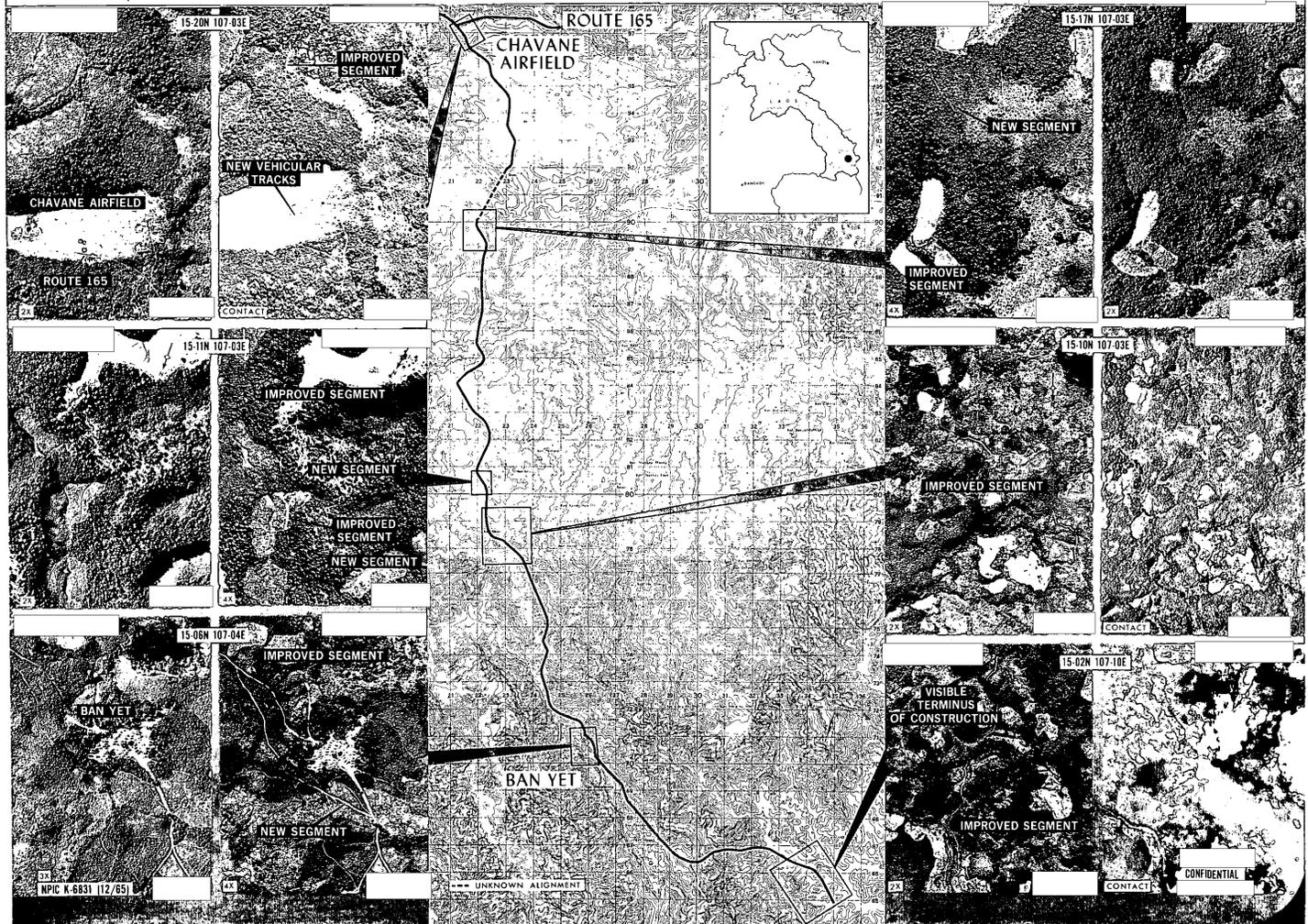


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